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I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

Mc Bee Party & Sausage Sizzle - Friday 16th July 2010 - 4.30pm onwards Dress-Up Day too!



Yay Mc Bee is finished and pretty snazzy he looks too!
To celebrate we are going to have a party. Take the night off from cooking and join us for a sausage sizzle dinner from 4.30pm on Friday 16th July. Everyone welcome ☺

We will have a fun-filled party day with lots of bee activities! We will have a jumping castle, cake decorating (for afternoon tea), puppet making, treasure hunts and maybe a disco with small prizes!

Teachers will dress up as bumble bees and we welcome children to come in dress-ups (it doesn't have to be a bee costume).

Wow! It's all abuzz in Kindy! What awesome papier mache bees the Kindy children have made ☺



Ukulele Talent!

Our recent professional development afternoon with 'The Ukulele Lady' was awesome! We bought several ukuleles for the centre and we are practising our new found talents with the children ☺

Qualification Celebrations

Congratulations to Louise on her overseas qualification now being recognised within New Zealand. Louise is now benchmarked to the Graduate Diploma of Teaching ☺ As with all staff, we will be offering her ongoing professional development to support her in her journey as a qualified teacher.

Sickness

We would like to thank all our parents who let us know when their child is going to be away from the centre. This helps us to plan our day (e.g. walks in the community) but also affirms our concern for each child we have developed a relationship with and enables us to let other families know if there is a particular bug going around.

Please remember: children must remain home for the first day of any antibiotics being administered.

Holiday Programme

The holiday programme children have been having a great time and keeping busy doing a number of exciting activities. Here they are having heaps of fun playing mini putt.





NEWS FROM THE INFANTS' SIDE

Kiaora Katou

What a lovely time we've had this month - exploring and playing with Autumn leaves; painting leaves for an Autumn display; talking and reading books about leaves and Autumn.

Lewis has joined the Infants' Side. Lewis has an older brother who is on the Toddlers' Side. Welcome Lewis! We bid a sad farewell to Makere. We will miss her kindness and her calm and caring presence. We wish her well as she returns to Waikato University to complete her Bachelor of Teaching degree. We look forward to maintaining contact with Makere as she has agreed to relief teach for us when able. All the best Makere!

We warmly welcome Natalie who returns to us from the Toddlers' Side. Natalie is well versed in the routines of the Infants' programme and brings with her a wealth of knowledge in regards to Pikler practices - treating babies with respect. We look forward to working with you again Natalie!

A very big 'thank you' for supporting our recent Oxford Pie Fundraiser. The result of this has enabled us to upgrade our outdoor, climbing equipment. We look forward to its arrival.

Have a great month

Jo, Kim, Makere and Sacha



Toddler News

Kia ora te whānau

Wow, another busy month! Recently art opportunities have been extended with new resources and ideas. There are new paintings and art work being displayed regularly to show off the children's hard work. Art has so many beneficial factors for children's development and getting messy is only half the fun! Please see the daily sheet on the notice-board depicting some of the fun learning opportunities the children are involved in during the day.

Natalie recently transferred back to the Infants' team however our Toddlers still have opportunities to continue their relationship with Natalie e.g. regular visits, transition times and interacting through the fence! We will soon have a new teacher who can help contribute to the team and bring new and exciting ideas. We realise that children need consistent loving relationships with teachers, thus we have recruited Trisha from the relieving agency (ECE Consultants) to fill one of the teaching vacancies on a long term basis (tentatively until September). We also continue to have our wonderful Jinsi relieving for us on a regular basis ☺

Building relationships and developing effective social skills is a high priority with toddlers. We have noticed many friendships blossoming amongst the children. Teachers are supporting children to care for themselves, each other and the environment. Opportunities for the 'older toddlers' to help support their younger peers is being actively promoted. Routines, activities and mat times all provide opportunities for children to foster friendships and be empowered with confidence to extend their leadership skills.

This month we said farewell to Jaxen and his family who have moved to the beach! We welcome Harrison and his family to the fold and look forward to getting to know them better. Birthday greetings this month go to Alex, Ryan and Lachlan C who are all turning 2! Happy Birthday to you all ☺

We are so looking forward to our Mc Bee party....please join our celebrations!
Sue, Mary, Haley, Jinsi, Trisha



KINDY NEWS

Hello to our extended Kindy family

Wow what a busy month we have enjoyed, with a trip to the theatre, creating mini bees to celebrate MC Bee's completion as well as riding the free bus.

Our science and technology topic is nearly at an end. We have learnt so much about senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch), magnets, our bodies and different ways of creating electricity that our brains are nearly full! To conclude this topic we will be heading to Excite, after the school holidays, where they currently have displays on 'senses'.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Cayden and Tegan this month. We wish them both well as they begin their new learning journey at school. We hope to still see them hanging around as they both have younger siblings at the centre. We extend a warm welcome to Broc and his family who join us soon, and welcome Jane who is graduating from the Toddlers' Side. We look forward to getting to know you both.

We are currently setting up some prop boxes for a 'hair dressers' and an 'office' for the children. We would love your help if you have anything suitable that you no longer use e.g. old hair dryers, keyboards or old school telephones.

Have a sparkly, pink day
Louise, Jason and Erena